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**Brampton, ON
July 10, 2020.**

To Mayor Patrick Brown and Members of Brampton City Council

We are writing today to invite City Council to add the name of former City of Brampton Councillor and former Member of the Ontario Provincial Legislature, Bob Callahan, to the Flower City Seniors Centre name. Because of Bob's distinguished service to our city as an elected official and as a community volunteer for many years, we believe that this step is valuable and warranted.

(ie. Bob Callahan Flower City Senior Recreation Centre)

We have reviewed the City of Brampton's *Asset Naming Policy* approved March 2019 and are convinced that Bob Callahan fits the criteria. Adding Bob Callahan's name to Flower City Seniors Centre will honour Bob and his dedicated service to our city in the same manner that adding Donald M. Gordon's name to Chinguacousy Park honoured Don's dedicated service to our city.

Bob, Lyn, and their young family moved to the Peel Village area of Brampton in 1966. Bob had just graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and joined a local Brampton law firm. The Callahans made their home in Brampton and raised their four sons here while participating in many of our local programs and events such as lacrosse, hockey, baseball, soccer, and Carabram, to name a few. In the mid 70s the Province of Ontario honoured Bob by naming him a Queen's Counsel.(QC) This honour was given to lawyers in recognition of their exceptional merit and contribution to the legal profession.

Now more than 50 years later Bob and Lyn still live in Brampton.

In the fall of 1969 Bob was elected to the Council of the former Town of Brampton. This elected position was the first step in almost 50 years of elected service to the people of Brampton. In fact, Bob is one of Brampton's longest serving elected officials.

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Bob Callahan served our community in the following elected positions:

1969-1974	Alderman, Town of Brampton
1975-1985	Councillor, City of Brampton
1985-1995	Member of Provincial Parliament, Brampton Riding. This riding was Brampton's only riding and one of Ontario's largest ridings.
1996-2015(approx.)	Councillor, City of Brampton

In these positions Bob and his colleagues in Brampton and at Queen's Park were instrumental in the development of many amenities that we enjoy today including:

Peel Heritage Complex, City Hall, Rose Theatre, Gage Park skating trail, Powerade (now CAA), Alderlea, South Fletchers Hockey Complex, double tracking for GO trains, the new courthouse, and Brampton Civic Hospital.

During his years as an MPP Bob always worked to showcase and promote Brampton at Queens Park. For example he hosted the Premier and many Cabinet members on tours of the Carabram pavilions. And he regularly hosted several Carabram pavilions at Queens Park where many talented Bramptonians entertained the MPPs.

Bob Callahan served our community in many volunteer positions including the following:

1972-1974	Coach Brampton Lacrosse for 6 year olds
1971-1974	Board Member St. Leonard's House Peel
1971-1974	Volunteer Committee Big Sisters of Peel
Mid 70's	Board Member Peel Memorial Hospital
Late 90's	Overnight Volunteer Out of the Cold
2000's	Member of his church finance committee
2007-2015	Member of the Conservation Authority

In these positions, Bob served diligently and did the legal work for at least two of these organizations on a pro bono basis.

From 1998 to 2015 Bob was one of City Council's reps on Brampton Senior Council at Flower City Seniors Centre. This committee was Bob's favourite committee by far. He enjoyed working with the committee members and with the members of the Centre. He was a good listener and true friend to the members. He often helped many members with legal questions pro bono.

Lyn Callahan, Bob's wife, recently told us that "Bob loved his work with the Seniors at Flower City. To this day many Flower City members stop me and tell me how much they loved working with him".

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Dr. David Dickson, Brampton Business Person of the Year in the mid 1980s says:

“Bob, Lyn, and the Callahan family have been longtime friends (over 40 years) and I have watched his participation in Municipal and Provincial politics with interest.

Bob was wholeheartedly involved with the Senior Council for many years. He spoke with pride and enthusiasm of the growth and accomplishments of the Council and I have heard many compliments of his active role by friends who were involved.

Adding Bob Callahan’s name to the Senior Centre would acknowledge both his immense contribution to the Centre and his decades of useful and faithful service to the citizens of Brampton. The Centre was dear to his heart and his contributions were integral in creating the great success the Centre has become.

My wife Carol and I encourage and endorse this wonderful honour.”

John Sanderson, Former City and Regional Councillor says:

“Bob Callahan and I were on City Council together and he always worked for the benefit of his residents. He took the time to talk over issues and when he gave his word I could count on him to keep it. He especially loved his work with the Seniors at Flower City. “

Sharon Clark, a member of Flower City and a former member of Senior Council says:

“Bob listened to what we, on Senior Council, had to say and he kept us informed. When we asked him to bring things forward to council, we could count on him. One example is the one dollar senior transit fare. I encourage you to add Bob’s name to the Centre.”

Sharon Bonello, the former Recreation Supervisor of the Flower City Senior Centre from 2003 to 2017 says

“I had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside Bob Callahan during his role as City Councillor for Wards 3 & 4. Bob’s regard for the well-being of Brampton’s senior population was evident in the continued effort and support that he put into Flower City Seniors Centre. From the inception of the Centre through to its opening, Bob offered his experience and knowledge in any way he could. He shared his insight of what the senior population in Brampton needed to ensure that Flower City Seniors Centre was supporting them and furthermore contributing to providing seniors with various opportunities that would lead to a healthy and active lifestyle.

Bob was a friendly and welcome face at Flower City Seniors Centre. He engaged with the seniors through his attendance at various functions and showed a genuine desire and enjoyment in interacting with the community. Bob inspired ways to improve both the programs and the building itself, always showing concern for Brampton’s seniors. Bob truly had an undeniable passion for seniors. He showed an endless amount of support for both the staff and volunteers at Flower City Seniors Centre. He not only interacted with the seniors, but listened to them and understood the importance of seniors in our community and the purpose the Centre served.

Bob’s desire to give back to the community alongside his passion for seniors led to the successes of the Centre.”

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Bob had a direct and long standing relationship with Brampton Senior Council and with the Flower City Seniors Centre and made a positive lasting and acknowledged contribution to the city.

Bob participated in and supported many community activities both as a city councillor and as an MPP. He has demonstrated exceptional service to the citizens of Brampton and to the province of Ontario.

On a personal note we have known Bob Callahan and the Callahan family for more than 50 years and know him as an ardent supporter and promoter of the City of Brampton and the people of Brampton. Since his retirement in 2015 Bob's health has sadly declined.

His family supports this letter and this request because they, like we do, see the inherent goodness in Bob's life and his actions. We hope that you will see that too.

We ask and recommend that you add the name of Bob Callahan to the Flower City Seniors Centre.

Rosemary Miller, Former Alderman, City of Brampton

Terry Miller, Former Councillor, City of Brampton, Region of Peel